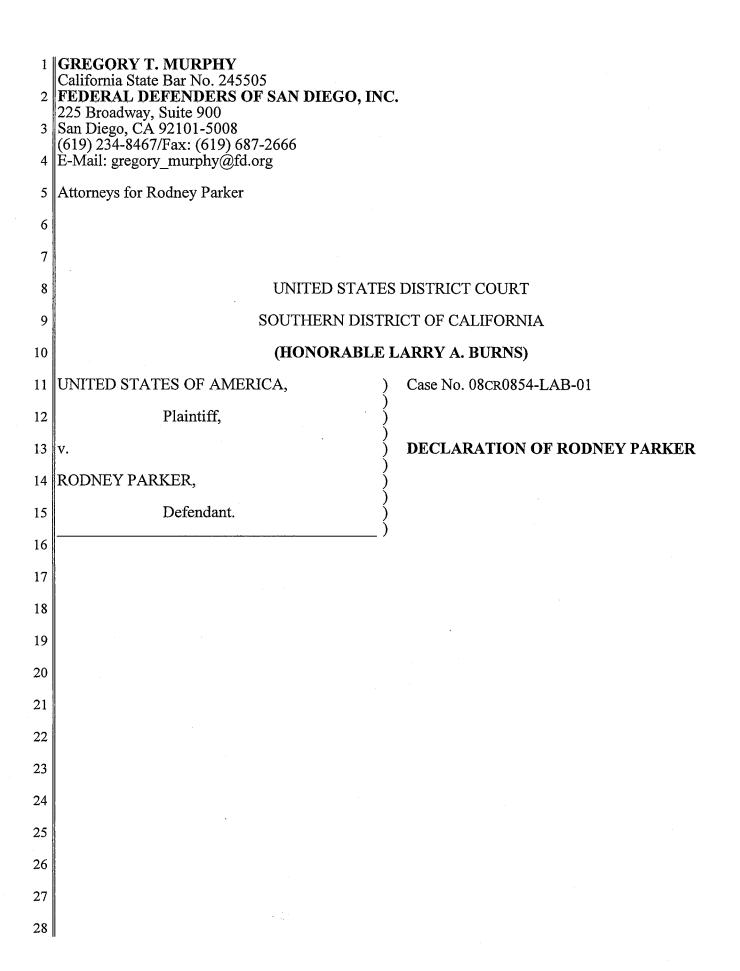
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DECLARATION OF RODNEY PARKER

- I, Rodney Parker, declare under penalty of perjury as follows:
 - 1. I am the defendant in the above entitled case.
 - 2. On the day of my arrest, I was wearing a button-down shirt with sleeves that extended to my elbows. Only the tattoos on my forearms were visible. Those tattoos are the words "hot rod," one on each arm.
 - 3. "Hot Rod" is my mother's nickname for me. Some close friends also call me "Hot Rod" because of my interest in cars.
 - 4. A sheriff's car followed me out of the gun show parking lot. As soon as I reached the street, the officers turned on their lights and signaled for me to stop.
 - 5. I pulled the vehicle over immediately.
 - 6. Detective Berlinsky approached the driver's side window.
 - 7. A second sheriff's deputy also approached my car. He stood next to the passenger's side window.
 - 8. Both the detective and the deputy had their hands on their firearms when they approached the car. They kept their hands on their guns while they talked to me.
 - 9. The detective asked for my license and registration.
 - 10. I gave him my license and asked my girlfriend to pass over the registration.
 - 11. The detective took our documents back to his patrol car.
 - 12. Approximately 10 minutes later, two federal agents approached.
 - 13. They told me to get out of the vehicle and walk around to the curb.
 - 14. I did not feel I had any choice but to comply.
 - When I got out of the car, I noticed that a second sheriff's patrol car had joined us. There were two additional uniformed sheriff's officers.
 - 16. The agents asked if they could ask me some questions.
 - 17. At this point, I was surrounded by four federal agents and four sheriffs officers.

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- 18. The sheriffs had their hands on their guns.
- 19. I felt threatened by the large number of officers and by the fact that they had their hands on their guns.
- 20. The agents did not read my Miranda rights.
- 21. They told me they knew I was a felon.
- 22. They asked why I had been at the gun show.
- 23. I explained that my girlfriend wanted to buy a gun, and that I had purchased some ammunition for her uncle as a birthday present.
- 24. The agents then handcuffed me.
- 25. The federal agents apparently were using unmarked sedans.
- 26. They placed me in one of the sedans with my girlfriend.
- 27. The officer drove the sedan closer to the arrest site, explaining he was concerned about leaving his car far from the scene.
- 28. I saw no indication inside or outside the car that it was a police vehicle.
- 29. We sat alone in the unmarked car for approximately one hour while the agents searched my car.
- 30. During this time, I spoke with my girlfriend.
- 31. We did not discuss a plan for her to buy a gun for me.
- 32. I did not know our conversation was being recorded.
- 33. I believed our conversation was private.
- 34. I never consented to the search of my car.

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge and memory, the foregoing is true and correct.

· Parker